

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated:

Claims 1-18 (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) A composite damping element received ~~in one of~~ a transverse link, a longitudinal link, a triangular link, a rear-axle subframe, a stabilizer, a spring-strut support, or ~~and~~ a shock-absorber ~~capable of replacing rubber-metal damping composites~~, said composite damping element comprising:

i) a thermoplastic polyurethane molding having a thickness of from 2 to 10 mm, and

ii) a microcellular polyurethane elastomer layer chemically bonded to and in direct contact with at least one surface of said thermoplastic polyurethane molding such that said microcellular polyurethane elastomer layer dampens and absorbs vibrations of ~~for allowing said molding to be supported relative to one of~~ the transverse link, the longitudinal link, the triangular link, the rear-axle subframe, the stabilizer, the spring-strut support, or ~~and~~ the shock-absorber

20. (Previously Presented) The composite element of Claim 19 wherein said elastomer has a density of from 300 to 700 kg/m³, a tensile strength to DIN 53571 of from 3 to 8 N/mm², an elongation at break to DIN 53571 of from 350 to 550%, a tear propagation resistance to DIN 53515 of from 8 to 30 N/mm, and a rebound resilience to DIN 53512 of from 50 to 60%.

Claim 21 (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The composite element of Claim 19 wherein said elastomer layer is bonded to an inner surface of said molding.

23. (Previously Presented) The composite element of Claim 19 wherein said elastomer layer is bonded to an outer surface of said molding.

Claims 24-29 (Cancelled).

30. (Currently Amended) The composite element of Claim 19 [[1]] wherein said thermoplastic polyurethane molding is formed from isocyanates (a) and isocyanate reactive components (b) are present in a ratio of isocyanate groups in (a) to isocyanate reactive groups in (b) of greater than 1.06:1 such that said excess isocyanate groups are available for chemically bonding with said microcellular polyurethane elastomer layer.